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September 24, 2009

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Re: Docket No. 2008-0274 – Proceeding to Investigate Implementing a Decoupling Mechanism for Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., and Maui Electric Company, Limited ("HECO Companies")

Dear Mr. Hasegawa:

This letter is in regards to your letter dated September 4, 2009, which was filed on September 8, 2009, enclosing a document titled "Clifton M. Hasegawa & Associates, LLC Entry of Appearance."

Please be advised that, pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules §§ 6-61-55, 6-61-56, leave of the commission is required to intervene or participate in a commission proceeding. The deadline to file an intervention or participation motion, however, has already passed. See HAR § 6-61-57.

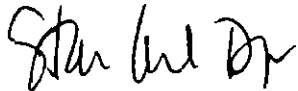
If you intended to file a motion to intervene or participate, your filing should comply with the applicable commission rules, and the appropriate filing fee should be remitted. See, e.g., HAR § 6-61-16, 6-61-24, 6-61-41. You would also be required to file a motion for enlargement of time, pursuant to HAR § 6-61-23, as the underlying intervention or participation motion would be untimely.

For your information, please note that documents filed in the above-referenced docket are available for review on the commission's website, <http://puc.hawaii.gov/>, by accessing the commission's Document Management System.

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Should you have any procedural questions, please contact the undersigned at (808) 586-2020.

Sincerely,



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